

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the preferred embodiment, the auction coordinator 20 identifies the goods and/or services to be purchased. Bids are received from bidders 30 for combinations of lots in step 43. The combination of lots is selected, and a price [[if]] is offered for the combination. These combinations may also be referred to as market baskets, where the buyer 30 places items in his market basket and submits a bid on the entire market basket. Buyers 30 may be limited to the number of market baskets on which they may bid. The market baskets may also be fixed before bidding, where only a limited number of items may be placed in the market basket, certain items must be placed in the market basket, the bid on the items in the market basket must reach a specific dollar amount, or any other limitation. Bidders 30 may compete with each other on different lots in the combination. Any lots that receive bids from more than one buyer 30 are overlap portions. For example, as shown in Table 1 below, if buyer 1 bids on lots, or Items, A, B, and C and buyer 2 bids on Items C, D, and E, lot C would be the overlap portion. --